

FGCCFL Grand Finals Tournament Invitation
Wharton High School
20150 Bruce B. Downs, Tampa 33647
Friday – Saturday, 22 – 23 February 2019
Coach: Jennifer Bell 813-785-4883

Events: All NCFL Events. No double entries. No more than FOUR entries per event.

Fees:

Friday (Debate and Congress): \$35 per competitor includes tournament fees, Friday grab-n-go meal, host/lunch fee for Saturday. Friday fees for **judges and other adults \$5.00**. One complimentary grab-n-go for head coach.

Saturday: (ALL Events) IE entries \$30 per competitor, includes tournament fees and host/lunch fee. Saturday fees for **judges and other adults \$10**. One complimentary lunch for head coach. Checks should be made out to FGCCFL for the full amount.

NCFL Bond: \$120 per school (pay by separate check made out to FGCCFL or cash) This covers first two NCFL qualifiers. If fewer qualify, the balance will be refunded. If more than two qualify, the school WILL be financially responsible to pay \$60 per qualifier by the deadline. Schools who drop students from NCFL Nationals are still required to pay the entry fee. It will be between the qualifying school and the alternate school to work out repayment. It is recommended that coaches confirm national tournament attendance with students/judges prior to registering for the tournament. Schools will forfeit full registration fees for all drops after close of online registration.

FYI: Any school that has outstanding FGCCFL debts, does NOT pay for registration and bond in full, or does not pay for drops prior to the start of the tournament will not be allowed to compete in the tournament. Plan accordingly.

Food: Closed campus (FGCCFL rule). Please remember to order Friday grab-n-go and Saturday lunches on Tabroom for all competitors, judges and observers. ONE complimentary grab-n-go and one complimentary lunch will be provided to each school for the head coach. Coaches MUST enter meals for Friday and Saturday on Tabroom. **Email Jennifer Bell with meal totals by registration deadline Jennifer.Bell@sdhc.k12.fl.us**

Judging requirements: One (1) judge for every four (4) IE entries. One (1) Congress judge for schools with Congress entries. One (1) judge for every two (2) LD entries. One (1) judge for every two (2) PFD team entries. One (1) judge for **each** TD team entry. **COACHES: You are expected to attend the tournament. Do not count yourself in your judge quota as we must be able to use you where needed! This may include parliamentarian, judging, or tab staff. Judges should be cross-trained. Remember that you need to meet debate and congress quotas for Friday AND Saturday; if judges are attending one day only, please indicate their availability on Tabroom.**

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REGISTRATION FOR THE TOURNAMENT:

Go to Tabroom.com. Click on FGCCFL circuit. Be sure to register for the correct tournament. Registration must be submitted online by the school's coach only. Registration will not be accepted once registration is closed or by any other means other than Tabroom unless directed to do so. Pay attention to your school registration for Friday and Saturday students, judges in correct pools, and total meal orders. Tabroom registration will close at 9 PM on the Monday of the tournament week (Monday, 18 February which is a holiday). Registration will not be accepted late because of the holiday. Please have registration confirmed before registering the team on Tabroom. **Please note:** The Executive Committee **will** levy additional tournament fees of \$25.00 for any dropped student entry on the tournament days, a dropped entry not declared before the start of the first round on either day, and for each missing judge. All changes made after the close of registration, but before tournament day must be reported to Paul Jannereth at [<pjannereth@carrollwooddayschool.org>](mailto:pjannereth@carrollwooddayschool.org)

CONGRESS RULES:

Every school entering Student Congress **MUST** supply at least one (1) and at most four (4) pieces of satisfactory legislation. **Coaches MUST submit legislation by the 11 February deadline. Submission does not guarantee acceptance, nor will any legislation submitted after 11 February be accepted.**

APPROVED TOPIC AREAS ARE ON THE WEBSITE. LEGISLATION NOT MEETING THE TOPIC AREA REQUIREMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. All legislation must be written using the templates on the FGCCFL website and uploaded to Tabroom.com by 9:00 p.m. on **Monday, 11 February**. Late, frivolous, stale, recycled, or unsatisfactory legislation **will not** be considered. The legislative docket will be published on THURSDAY evening **14 February**, allowing students a week to prepare.

RECOMMENDED: Coaches who would like Josh Schneider to review their students' legislation before it is submitted may e-mail it to [<joshschneider@me.com>](mailto:joshschneider@me.com) in Microsoft Word format no later than the MONDAY 4 February. **USE the templates.**

PRESIDING OFFICERS: Each school may designate **up to two (2)** of its Congress entries as Presiding Officer candidates, and only candidates so designated will be eligible to serve as PO at Grand Finals. PO designations must be made on Tabroom by registering the eligible students in Congress **AND** in "Presiding Officer." **DEADLINE: 9:00 p.m. on Monday, 11 February.**

DIRECTIONS:

I-75 to Bruce B. Downs. Take Bruce B. Downs to Wharton which is near Walmart on the left. Students report to the Cafeteria. Judges and Coaches report to the Media Center. Registration on Friday will be from 3:45 – 4:15 (do not attempt to arrive on campus prior to 3:45 due to bus dismissal). Re-registration on Saturday will be from 7:30 – 8:00 AM. Registration will be held in the Media Center both days. Please arrive at the start of registration and not the end. All schools should be through registration by 4:15 Friday and 8:00 Saturday. This allows us to try to start rounds on time.

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Tournament Schedule (remember we only run on time if judges run on time)

Friday (Debate and Congress)

Registration 3:45 – 4:15 PM

Debate Round 1: start 4:45

Debate Round 2: start 6:00

Grab-n-go meals

Debate Round 3: start 7:45

Congress Session 1: 5:15 – 8:00

(Grab-n-go break 6:30 – 6:45)

Saturday (ALL Events)

Re-registration: 7:30 – 8:00 AM

Individual Events

Ext Draw 8:15

IE Round 1: 8:30/Ext 8:45

Ext Draw: 9:45

IE Round 2: 10:00/Ext 10:15

Ext Draw: 11:15

IE Round 3: 11:30/Ext 11:45

LUNCH

Ext Draw 1:00

IE Round 4: 1:15/Ext 1:30

IE ALL Events Semi-Finals/Finals as needed beginning at 3 PM

Debate

Round 4: 8:30

**Round 5: 10:15
(round of 16)**

LUNCH

**Round 6: 1:30
(round of 8)**

**Round 7: 3:15
(round of 4)**

Congress

Session 2: 9 – 11:30

LUNCH

Finals: 1:00 – 4:30